Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 16 October 2024 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall

Present: Cllr L Randall, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr H Edwards, Ward Cllr M McCabe and the clerk Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Hutton and Sangan and Ward Cllr Gourley.

2. Declarations of Interests

Cllrs B and H Edwards in agenda item 7.3.

3. Dispensations

The clerk awarded Cllrs B and H Edwards a dispensation to take part in agenda item 7.3 as otherwise the work of the parish council would be impeded.

4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

- **4.1 Parishioners Matters** All parishioners matters raised recently (speeding, street lights and drainage) are on the agenda for the November meeting. In the meantime parishioners are requested to lobby WECA and the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding speeding.
- 4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4 September 2024 Approved and signed.
- 4.3 CBLNR
- **4.3.1** Progress Report on Forest of Avon assistance with the CBLNR and Consideration of Working with Avon Wildlife Trust on their Pollinator Pathways Project The chairman to set up a site visit with the Avon Wildlife Trust.
- **4.4 Update on Diverting Existing or New Bus Services to serve the main part of Camerton** Nothing new to report but Ward Cllr Gourley continues to lobby on this.

5 FINANCE

5.1 Consideration of Estimate from Green Tree Gardens for New Fencing for the Batch Subject to finalising the detail of the work quote accepted. Other quotes not sought as Green Tree existing reliable supplier.

5.2 Payments for Approval.

Payments for Ratification

	4 September	Bank Transfer	Editors Expenses	£50.00		
	4 September	Bank Transfer	External Audit Fee	252.00		
	9 September	Bank Transfer	Autumn newsletter	£275.00		
	30 September	Standing Order	Clerks Net September Pay	£754.40		
	30 September	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee	£18.00		
Payments for Approval						
	16 October	Bank Transfer	Clerks Expenses Aug Sep	£141.82		
	16 October	Bank Transfer	CVWG Membership	£5.00		
	16 October	Bank Transfer	Deposit for Fence Work	£348.00		
	Unanimously approved.					

- **5.3** Financial Report including 2nd quarter forecast versus budget. The balance of funds as at 16 October is £34,664.96 and without Batch reserves is £32,912.51. **2nd quarter forecast against Budget for 2024 2025** After the first six months of the year total receipts forecast to be down year end £1,433 compared to the budget and total expenditure forecast down £7,006 compared to the budget. Year end deficit was budgeted to be £3,768. Based on the second quarter forecast the budget will achieve a surplus of £1,805.
- **5.4** Consideration of External Audit Report and approval of any resulting required actions The external auditors raised no issues so no action required.
- 5.5 Consideration of New contract and fee structure for DM Payroll Services (and signing of offer letter) It was unanimously resolved to approve the new contract. Clerk to sign the letter on behalf of the parish council.

6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

- **6.1 Highway Related Matters** Nothing to report.
- 6.2 **Public Rights of Way Matters** Nothing to report.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Planning Application REF 23/02825/FUL Parcel 1172, Radford Hill, Radford Paulton Change of use of the land to a single caravan pitch for a gypsy and traveller family including the siting of one static caravan, 1 touring caravan and dayroom and associated access and hard surfacing (Part Retrospective). PENDING DECISION Planning Application REF 24/01659/CLEU Development Site Opposite Woodview, New Pit Cottages Conversion of outbuilding to 1no. dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Development). PENDING DECISION Planning Application REF 24/02468/VAR Application for Variation of Condition Hedgerows Parkway Lane Camerton Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) of application 23/04130/FUL (Conversion of main house loft to create three additional bedrooms to the first floor. Conversion of existing garage structure to form new pool house. Replacement of existing workshop to create new double garage with bedroom accommodation above). PENDING DECISION

7.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters Nothing new to report.

7.3 Consideration of a Response to the Consultation on Planning Application REF 24/03502/FUL Cam View 3 Meadgate West Camerton Erection of two-storey rear extension, internal alterations to separate the existing building into two dwellings and rear landscaping to provide gardens for both. The parish council unanimously resolved to object to this planning application due to concerns about the state of the rear boundary wall.

8 Parish Council Representative Reports – Camerton Community Hall, Environment Enhancement, CBLNR and Neighbourhood Watch

Apart from items already elsewhere on the agenda nothing new to report and reports circulated prior to the meeting.

9 Reports by Clerk including correspondence/Councillors and District Councillors

Cllr Randall reported on the success of the defibrillator training

Cllr H Edwards reported on drainage issues at Meadgate. Drainage on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr B Edwards – gully at Meadgate blocked. Clerk to report via Fix My Street. Hedgerows on Weekesley Lane need cutting back. Clerk to report via Fix My Street.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting Wedne	esday 20 November 7.30 pm The med	eting closed 8.33 pm
Date:	Signature:	Chair